The West Seattle Sportsman

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Big Game Dinner Recap

We'd really like to thank everyone



that helped out, donated raffle items and came to our Big Game Dinner this year and made it one of our most successful dinners ever!

Our cooks really outdid themselves again this year with a lot of excellent food. Our traditional appetizers ranged from deep fried squid and razor clams to elk chili and clam chowder. Rick even brought a big crockpot of chicken gizzards.



For our main meal we had a number of elk dishes, including curry, swedish meatballs, enchiladas. Gary made up a

big batch of venison spaghetti and we also had Grilled steelhead.



One item that everyone wanted to try this year was the sturgeon donated by Johnny Miller. Johnny has a business selling steelhead lures and gear. He also donated a nice prize basket for our raffle. Be sure to checkout Steelhead Mafia at www.steelheadmafia365.com

We'd also like to thank the guys at www.crabhawk.com for donating one of their excellent clam guns.

Also, a big thanks goes out to Mike Coombs, the owner of Outdoor Emporium, for giving us a great price on the rifle for our raffle. Brian and Steve, who work at the gun counter there,

were nice enough to bring the rifle to show off at our event.

And congratulations to Scott Robertson for winning the .17 HMR Rifle in the Raffle!!!



Since we try to keep our tickets as reasonably priced as we can we only made \$128 on the dinner, but we did really well on the raffle and cleared \$790 so it was a very successful event.

And we also have a lot of food left over so we'll be enjoying it at our meetings. For this April meeting we'll be serving venison Spaghetti!!!

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M1903 Auction

As most of you know, the American Legion was, not only, extremely helpful with the venue for our Big Game Dinner, but they also made a very nice donation to us in the form of an m1903 rifle that we auctioned off. We'd like to thank them and also thank and congratulate Steve Loo for placing the winning bid at \$875.

Kid's Fishing Derby

Remember, the kids fishing derby is coming up on June 7th. We'll be sending out emails, looking for volunteers for Friday 6/6 and Saturday 6/7.

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Presidents Minute

The shadows are growing short and the days long. We're pushing into the 60's and thoughts are turning to summer. This will be a much different summer for me.



In years past I had young children with me; camping always fell on a birthday. These trips were always a great blessing. I'd put a GMRS radio on each of my kids; turn them loose then get busy lounging in the shade while the birthday cake baked in the camper. Friends we went with also had kids and tents. Everyone always had a great time. New friends were made, son lotion used, fish caught and eaten and plenty of daylight to burn away.

As Kevin and Kelli grew into teenagers summer camping gave way to soccer camp, football camp, Scout activities and summer camp. Now both kids are in college; both will be working in their fields. Summer camping will change back into the type of camping I did before children. The days will still be long and the shadows short. I'll be enjoying

catching the fish rather than baiting the hooks. I'll look forward to the communal meals with friends. I'll still look forward to meeting new people and enjoying the sunsets.

This coming June over the weekend of the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th members of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club will be going to Riffe Lake for camping and fishing. Riffe lake is located in Lewis County near Morton just north of Mt. St. Helens. There are plenty of services and activities nearby. The lake is a favorite fishing area for many. We'll be staying at the Taidnapam Campground around site 217. You can get more information by going to our web site (wssportsmen.com) and choosing the calendar icon or going directly

(http://www.wssportsmen.com/c alendar/2014-06/).

Summers are constantly changing but the days are still long and sharing a campfire with friends and meeting new people always will have appeal......

Feel free to call me if you have questions. I truly hope to see you there.

Gary (206) 935-9240

Baker Lake

We're planning a trip to Baker Lake on July 24th - 27th to camp and hopefully catch a few Sockeye Salmon.

This is a beautiful location and a great place to camp or fish. We're staying at Horseshoe Cove Campground, but unfortunately since this area is so popular during Sockeye season, it doesn't look like there are any camping spots left at this campground at this time.

If you have any interest in going you'll want to check the camp-ground's registration website periodically and see if there have been any cancellations.

Don't Forget to Pay your Dues for 2014

It's that time of the year again. We would like to remind everyone to pay your dues for 2014 if you haven't already.

Dues are \$40, which is the same as last year.

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6:30 PM, Tuesday - Rifle League, - 6:00 PM Wednesday - Juniors - Contact Joe Matter joe@vashonjrc.com for Junior information and shooting times. Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$2.00.

Totems News

The Junior Season is almost done, and this is looking like one of the best seasons ever for the kids. The team has been shooting well and improving across all levels this year. We are seeing rapid improvement at all levels.

In early February, the Totems shot the Junior Olympic Qualifier for 3 Position Air Rifle and qualified 2 teams for the Air Rifle National Championships. We will be sending 10 Totems to Camp Perry at the end of June to ttest themselves against the best in the country. The following kids will be attending nationals: Casey Iwamoto, Owen Yeasting, Corinne Blair, Alec Patajo, Nick Young, Katelynn Brown, Katelynn, Bacon, Jaelyn McMahan, Tanner Venturi and Siera Avril.

In the Stan Mar Memorial NRA 4P Junior Sectionals, the Thunderbirds (Alec, Corinne, Casey, Owen) shot a 1580/1600 team score setting a new national record for the Intermediate Junior age group (15-17) and beating last years Championship Score of 1575. Alex Patajo shot a 398/400 to win the sectional and will be among the contenders for the individual championship. Owen shot a 397/400 and will also be in contention for medals. The Chiefs (Jaelyn, Jack, Sumner, Katelynn Brown) shot a 1562 to put them in contention for the Intermediate Junior Championship. The Wolves (Vic, Ben, Luke and Tanner) shot a 1464 and will be in contention for the Sub Junior (14 & under)

Championship.

In the Fred Burr Memorial NRA International Air Rifle Sectionals, the Thunderbirds (Alec, Corinne and Sierra) shot a team record score of 1147/1200. The Thunderbirds should be in contention for the IJ Championship. Casey won the Jr Sectional shooting a 387/400. In the Open Sectional, the Thunderbirds shot a 1698/1800 and the Chiefs (Katelynn Bacon, Casey and Owen) shot a 1696/1800. Both of these scores beat the Totem team record scores from previous years.

The NRA Jr 3 Position Air Rifle Sectionals were moved to Olympia this tear because of our range power issues. The Totems shot lights out this past weekend. The Thunderbirds (Alec, Corinne, Casey and Sierra) shot a team score of 2363, shattering all the National Record scores. Corinne Blair shot a 593/600 to win the sectional. Sierra Avril was in close pursuit shooting a 592 beating Alec on a tie break who also shot a 592. Casey rounded out the team shooting a 587/600. In the Open Sectional, the Thunderbirds shot a 2333 which should put them in contention for the Open Championships as well. Alec shot a 592/600 to win the Open Sectional. Alec and Corinne set a few individual national records during these matches.

In the WA State Jr Indoor Rifle Championships, the entire club shot well. The Thunderbirds won the State Team match shooting a 4433/4800. They set a new national records for the Intermediate Junior age group. The Coyotes (Ben, Luke, Trevor and Noelle) shot a 3171/4800 and set a new Sub Junior National Team Record. Alec shot a 1128/1200 to set a new Sub Junior Record. Corinne set new records for Intermediate Junior and Women's records with her standing score of 361.

The Totems still have to finish up the 3 Position Smallbore Sectional. We hope to have those results shortly after power has been restored.

For Sale

Cleaning out collection....



Several Johnson 6hp kicker motors for sale (similar to those in the photo). These are late 60's models and they all are operational.

Asking \$400 each (but will entertain offers). Call if interested .

Mark Kastner (206) 999-4049.

Knives for Sale

We still have a number of Browning knife sets leftover from the Totem's raffle and will be selling them for \$10 per set (two knives in a tin gift box). All proceeds go to our Junior Shooting Program.

Please contact John Yeasting at 206-617-9726 or jyeasting@live.com

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